

## THE EARLY HISTORY OF MELVIN WHITE.

By U. L. Taylor.  
CHAPTER VIII.

Melvin had a close neighbor by the name of C. B. Taylor. He was a special friend of Melvin's father, and the two families had been on the most intimate terms for a long time. Melvin and Charley's Jim were about the same age, and very great cronies. Melvin was a frequent visitor at Mr. Taylor's house, and became a favorite with all the family. Charley and Melvin agreed on everything except politics. They were both Methodists, but they could not agree on politics. They occupied different sides on every political movement. In a discussion one day as to the effect that the Wilmot Proviso would have had on the Monroe Doctrine, if the Proviso had been passed. They took diametrically opposite grounds. Charley contended that it would have been beneficial, while Melvin contended for the reverse. The argument became loud, then boisterous, until each one of them seized a club, and prepared for battle. Like angry men generally do, they did not stop to consider that the Wilmot Proviso had been defeated in Congress, and that David Wilmot, the author of the proviso was dead, and it was long before the war, and as it had reference to slavery, in which neither of the belligerents had any interest whatever, they prepared for battle. Charley finally ordered Melvin from his premises, and while the youthful combatant was not afraid, he had great respect for Mr. Taylor's age. He started to leave. After he had got outside the yard Mrs. Taylor came out of the house and told her husband that it was a shame for two such intimate friends to fall out over nothing, and to call Melvin back and fix the thing up. Charley reflected a moment, and as he was not a man to harbor malice, called to Melvin and said; Melvin according to your last explanation, I am satisfied to let the matter drop, and just come back and let us shake hands, and be friendly. Melvin took him at his word, happy in the thought of a reconciliation, and met Mr. Taylor, and each handed the other his left hand, while he firmly grasped his shilalah in his right. Now Melvin said clearly while they shook hands, I want it distinctly understood I am not doing this because I am afraid of you, the same over here said Melvin, and they dropped their "weepins," and the unpleasantness was over. Melvin spent the night there, and many jokes were cracked by both that evening.

But Melvin's next escapade did not end so pleasantly. He applied for the school at the "gnat holler" school house, and the trustees promised it to him. He accordingly drew up a contract, and had it signed by two of the trustees. In the mean time Mr. Richard Lee Johnson had been employed to teach the same school, two of the trustees having signed his contract, one of them having signed both. The two would be teachers had for some time been mortal enemies, and each one was as brave as Julius Cesar. Before the day for the beginning of the school, each one had learned of the situation, and both men were expecting trouble. The day arrived, and both teachers were on hand with a goodly number of adherents in the way of scholars. The teachers had but little to say to each other. The house had but one door, a broad one, and the teachers drew a chalk line from the middle of the door in front, to the middle of the rear. The pedagogues would not cross this line, and the pupils were not allowed to cross, and thus in this small room were two distinct schools, as much so as if they had been miles apart. The scholars were given their choice, and it so happened that Lee had the largest number, and as children preferred the larger school, desertions were common from Melvin to Lee, until after a few days to prevent a clash and bloodshed Melvin withdrew his forces, and set up in a separate house about a quarter of a mile from the school house, and after teaching there for a few days he abandoned the enterprise, and went over into Taylor county, and procured a school which he taught through to success. While there he wrote a letter to his old friend John Ed Murrell, telling him what might have been if he had taken the advice of all his dear friends. A part of this will be in the next number.

(To Be Continued.)

### IN MEMORY OF DR. J. L. STAPP.

'Tis under as heavy a cloud of sorrow, seemingly, as could overspread humanity, with grief-stricken heart and tear dimmed eyes, that we try to write this,

in memory of our loved one just gone. The sad, sad, intelligence reaches us of the death of our precious father and it came in the power of a death blow to us—in that dark hour just the strong arm of Jesus was sufficient to lean on and his promise alone could give comfort under such circumstances.

Was it not for the thought that we can go and live with him in a better world than this, how could we bear it. It seemed hard that he must die with the vast distance between him and his children he loved, and that loved him so much. But thank God, this is only the dark side of the picture, and when we turn to the other side, we can but say, our grief is folly. He heeded not, our tears of anguish; Heaven had claimed its own and he has gone to the reward that awaits him there for many kindnesses and the good work done while here.

He was an indulgent father, good husband and ever ready to render assistance to his neighbor or friend in time of need, and many a sleepless hour has he spent on the public highway with only his saddle horse for his companion, speeding his way to the couch of a sufferer.

But God saw that he had done enough and said, labor no more in the earthly vineyard, but come to a broader field. He must have had visions of rapture whispered to him from beyond enabling him to look away from earth across the troubled waters to a higher plain, and to a home more sublime. It was impossible on the short notice for us to reach him before death had claimed him.

But to the heart broken ones at home and other places, let me say while we are separated and some of us may never meet again, let us live so that when the summon comes for us we may be able to assemble at the throne and meet dear father, mother and other loved ones where there will be no more parting or sad good byes.

Farewell, Dearest Father, Thou hast left us,  
And thy Precious form's entombed.  
But thy dear memory will be cherished  
Till the Great Father calls us, children home.  
A loving daughter,  
Follis, Oklahoma.

## COLUMBIA FAIR AUGUST 20, FOUR DAYS.

At A. Meeting of the Columbia Fair Association last Wednesday, the following gentlemen were elected Directors: W. L. Grady, Robert Young, James Garnett, R. F. Paull, R. L. Smythe, J. H. Young, Allen Walker and C. S. Harris. Allen Walker was elected President, R. L. Smythe Vice President and C. S. Harris Secretary. The date for the Fair is August the 20th—4 days.

It is the purpose of those in charge this year to make many improvements on the grounds: to remodell nearly every building, and to provide all the conveniences possible for the accommodation of exhibitors and spectators. The catalogue will be arranged in the near future, and while it will contain many of the old features, yet it will have quite a number of new premiums. More attention will be given agricultural products, all kinds of fowls, ladies work, flowers and domestic manufactured articles of every description. It is the intention to erect a neat building for this purpose, and to make one of the most attractive exhibits ever seen at a country fair. All agricultural articles, and all articles exhibited by the ladies will be received on the first day of the fair as usual, but will be kept on exhibition until the 4th day. The Association will also provide for keeping sheep, hogs and cattle. This will be a departure that will enable every visitor to see the premium stock, and will stimulate exhibitors as well. The truth is that too little attention has been given the products of our home people. Nearly all the premiums have been offered for horses, and the blue ribbon kind are not found on the farms.

In view of the great change to be introduced this year that will offer a nice premium from a Bantam chicken to a German Coach horse, from the most delicate needle work to the massive, heavy weight counterpane, from the tiny flower to the big red rose, and all the articles of fine cooking. It is hoped that renewed interest will manifest itself, and prove the venture profitable to all.  
Remember the date. August 20-21-22-23.

## PROGRAM

### Of the Columbia District Convention Of The Christian Church, To be Held at Edmonton, Ky., May 24th, to 26th, 1907.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

- 2:30—Song and Devotional.  
The Individual Message, John 11; 28.  
Z. T. Williams, L. C. Winfrey.  
3:00—Scarcity of Laborers in the White Harvest Field, John 4; 35-36.  
J. M. Weddle, J. E. Lyon.  
3:40—Appointment of Committees.

#### EVENING SESSION.

- 7:30—Song and Devotional.  
8:00—Laying up Treasures in Heaven.  
J. E. Payne, F. J. Barger.  
8:40—Conflict between Civilization and Anarchy, which shall Triumph?  
H. L. Cartwright, U. L. Taylor.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 25th.

- 9:30—Church of Christ.  
1st. Its Origin and Doctrine, Z. T. Williams.  
2nd. Its Success and Danger, W. K. Azbill.  
10:20—Woman and Missions, Mrs. Z. T. Williams.  
10:45—Evidence of Faith, Ira M. Boswell, R. Kirby.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 1:30—Song and Devotional.  
2:00—What is our Bible Schools Doing?  
Robert M. Hopkins, John Richie.  
2:30—Reports from the Churches.  
Reports of Evangelist.  
3:00—Christian Union.  
1st. Its Scripturalness, R. Kirby.  
2nd. Its Practicability, J. M. Weddle.  
3rd. Its Outlook, W. K. Azbill.  
3:45—Reading, Miss Eddy Coleman.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT.

- 7:30—Song and Devotional.  
7:45—Our Centennial Enterprise.  
Robert M. Hopkins, J. E. Payne.  
8:30—The Conquering Christ, Ira M. Boswell.  
SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 26th.  
9:30—Song and Devotional.  
10:00—Sermon.  
10:30—Salvation by Grace, Through Faith.

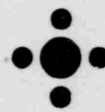
The Public is invited to attend these Services. Dinner on the ground, Saturday. Ira M. Boswell and Z. T. Williams will begin a revival meeting at Edmonton the night of the 16th, of May.

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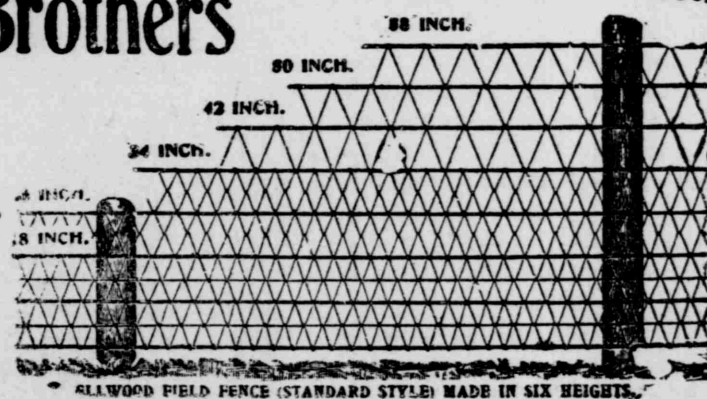
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